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 as a separate compilation.

LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 6th April, 1989:—

BILL NO. 29 OF 1989

A Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Fortieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1989. Short title.

43 of 1950.

2. In section 9 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of section 9.

“(aa) make such amendments in the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 1976 as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for consolidating with that Order any notification or order relating to delimitation of parliamentary or assembly constituencies (including reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in such constituencies) issued under any Central Act;”.

Amend.
ment of
section 14.

3. In section 14 of the principal Act, to clause (b), the following proviso shall be added, and shall be deemed to have been so added with effect from the 28th day of March, 1989, namely:—

'Provided that "qualifying date", in relation to the preparation or revision of every electoral roll under this Part in the year 1989, shall be the 1st day of April, 1989.'

Amend.
ment of
section 19.

4. In section 19 of the principal Act, in clause (a), for the words "twenty-one years", the words "eighteen years" shall be substituted, and shall be deemed to have been so substituted with effect from the 28th day of March, 1989.

Amend.
ment of
Fourth
Schedule.

5. In the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act, under the heading "Maharashtra", the entry "3. Town Committees." shall be omitted.

Validation.

6. All things done and all steps taken, before the commencement of this section, in relation to the preparation or revision of electoral rolls under Part III of the principal Act in the year 1989 shall, in so far as they are in conformity with the provisions of the principal Act, as amended by sections 3 and 4 of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by those sections as if the principal Act as so amended was in force at the time such things were done or such steps were taken.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Constitution (Sixty-First Amendment) Act, 1988 is an historic step in reducing the age of voting from 21 to 18 years and thus providing opportunity of participation to younger generation in the functioning of Parliamentary democracy. It has, therefore, as a consequential measure, become necessary to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

2. The Election Commission started the process of revision of electoral rolls covering all those who have now become eligible to vote. For this purpose, 1st of April, 1989 has been proposed to be the qualifying date. It is, therefore, necessary to amend section 14 of the 1950-Act and to validate the actions taken by the Election Commission in this regard. It is also necessary that section 19 of the 1950-Act should be amended to provide 18 years as the voting age.

3. Opportunity is also being availed of to amend section 9 of the 1950-Act for empowering the Election Commission to consolidate all information relating to Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies. It is also proposed to omit the reference to "Town Committees" in the Fourth Schedule to the 1950-Act so as to keep the same in conformity with the Maharashtra Municipalities Act, 1965.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

NEW DELHI;

B. SHANKARANAND.

The 30th March, 1989.

SUBHASH C. KASHYAP,
Secretary-General.

